



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TOURISM

REP. PAULINE WENDZEL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

9:00 AM

Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Commerce and Tourism was called to order by Chair Wendzel.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Wendzel, Roth, Alexander, Farrington, Wakeman, Martin, Cambensy, Cherry, Manoogian, Whitsett, Liberati.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Cherry joined the committee remotely.

Representative Roth moved to adopt the meeting minutes from December 7, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5425 and HB 5426 before the committee:

HB 5425 (Rep. Witwer)

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending sections 51f and 711 (MCL 206.51f and 206.711), section 51f as added by 2017 PA 110 and section 711 as amended by 2018 PA 118.

HB 5426 (Rep. Tisdell)

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending section 9 (MCL 125.2009), as amended by 2017 PA 109, and by adding chapter 8F.

Representative Witwer and Representative Tisdell introduced the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim McBryde, representing the Middle Michigan Development Corporation, testified in support of HB 5425 and HB 5426. Questions and discussion followed.

Jennifer Owen, representing Lakeshore Advantage, testified in support of HB 5425 and HB 5426.

Maureen Krause, representing the Detroit Regional Partnership, testified in opposition to HB 5425 and HB 5426.

Michael LaFaive, representing the Mackinac Center, testified in opposition to HB 5425 and HB 5426. Questions and discussion followed.

John Mozena, representing the Center for Economic Accountability, testified in opposition to HB 5425 and HB 5426.

Diana Prichard, representing Americans for Prosperity, testified in opposition to HB 5425 and HB 5426. Questions and discussion followed.

Pat Garofalo, representing the American Economic Liberties Project, testified in opposition to HB 5425 and HB 5426.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5425 and HB 5426, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association.

Tim Sawton, representing Business Leaders for Michigan.

Rusty Merchant, representing Winning Michigan Jobs Coalition.

Henry Wolf, representing Traverse City Connect.

Ryan Tarrant, representing the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Veronica Horn, representing the Saginaw County Chamber.

Tim Daman, representing the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Wolf, representing the Northing Michigan Chamber Alliance.

Ryan Hundt, representing the Michigan Works! Association.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5425 and HB 5426, but did not wish to speak:

David Randels, representing Oakland Schools.

Tori Sachs, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund.

Hanna Schulze, representing People First Economy.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Wendzel adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Representative Pauline Wendzel, Chair

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